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BEAUTIFUL SPRING.

Continued From "Beautiful Snow,"

With an Awful Warning.

Harrisburg (Pa.) Telegraph.

The beautiful weather we have been

flavored with lately has had the effect of

bringing the annual spring fresher of

"Beautiful Spring" poetry. No one an-

tipicatos this poetry more than the sanc-

tum scribe, and hence it was perfectly

natural for us, when the warm sunshine

struck the corner loafer, and the wily

shad fly flew about seeking whom he

might devour, and the antiquated organ

grinder stationed himself at Third and

Market, and the blue birds twittered in

the park, and the trees were budding,

and nature put on a smile that extend-

ed all the way round her head and half

way down her back—we say it was per-

fectly natural for us to expect, while all

these things were going on, that the

"Beautiful Spring" poet would invade

the sanctum with his effusions, and

choke up the waste baskets and make

the waste paper dealer happy.

It was about eight o'clock in the

morning, and we had just finished bur-

ning up the weapons used on the

"Beautiful Snow" poet, when a knock

was heard at the door, followed by the

entrance into the room of a long-haired,

cadaverous looking man with a cast in

his eye and a helmet hat. He opened

the hall by saying:

"You are the—or-the—"

"Yes, we are; what is it you wish?"

"I have a little poem here I should

like to see in print. (We glanced at the

seven shouter.) It is entitled "Beautiful

Spring," a poem original with me. Shall

I read a verse?"

We nodded assent, at the same time

softly feeling for the revolver. He be-

gan:

"Oh, a rare old bird is the Beautiful Spring,

He gently comes like time on the wing.

'Tis then that he begins to sing,

And steals and treads for anything."

"Bit! Bang! Whoosh! Ouch!" was heard,

and the next moment the form of the

poet sailed out of the window and struck

a mud puddle on Third street.

Rat, tat, tat at the door, and we

yelled "Come in." It was a small boy,

and we told him we didn't want any

oranges, candy, peanuts, festival tickets,

bananas, books or anything he had to

sell.

"I ain't sellin' anything, author," he

said.

"Then what in the name of great

Cain do you want?"

"I want to read you some poetry to

print," and before we could prevent him

he started off.

"Spring is the blindest time of the year,

We're the boys that have no fear.

A fellow's a pretty considerable hummer in a nut,

He can't be kept out of a nut."

"That will do, young man. Skip right

out, before we throw you through the

elevator, into the cellar and run through

the Taylor press."

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BEAUTIFUL SPRING.

Continued From "Beautiful Snow," With an Awful Warning.

Harrisburg (Pa.) Telegraph.

The beautiful weather we have been favored with lately has had the effect of bringing the annual spring frosts of "Beautiful Spring" poetry. No one anticipates this poetry more than the sanctum scribe, and hence it was perfectly natural for us, when the warm sunshine struck the corner loafer, and the wily shad flew about seeking whom he might devour, and the antiquated organ grinder stationed himself at Third and Market, and the blue birds twittered in the park, and the trees were budding, and nature put on a smile that extended all the way round her head and half way down her back—we say it was perfectly natural for us to expect, while all these things were going on, that the "Beautiful Spring" poet would invade the sanctum with his effusions, and choke up the waste baskets and make the waste paper dealer happy.

It was about eight o'clock in the morning, and we had just finished burrowing up the weapons used on the "Beautiful Snow" poet, when a knock was heard at the door, followed by the entrance into the room of a long-haired, endeavorous looking man with a cast in his eye and a helmet hat. He opened the hall by saying:

"You are the—or-or—the—"

"Yes, we are; what is it you wish?"

"I have a little poem here I should like to see in print. (We glanced at the seven shouter.) It is entitled 'Beautiful Spring,' a poem original with me. Shall I read a verse?"

We nodded assent, at the same time softly feeling for the revolver. He began:

"Oh, a rare old bird is the Beautiful Spring, He gently comes like the sun on the wing, 'Tis then that the bees begin to sting, And skunking need not for anything."

"Bif Bang! Whoooh! Ouch!" he heard, and the next moment the form of the poet sailed out of the window and struck a mud puddle on Third street.

"Rat, tat, tat, at the door, and we yelled 'Come in.' It was a small boy, and we told him we didn't want any oranges, candy, peanuts, festival tickets, bananas, books or anything he had to sell.

"I ain't sellin' anything, nuther," he said.

"Then what in the name of great Cain do you want?"

"I want to read you some poetry to print," and before we could prevent him he started off.

"Spring is the bluest time of the year, We're boys that have no fear, A fellow's a pretty considerable sort of a fool, If he can't contribute to keep out of school, Sooner let it folks call him dummer than a fool."

"That will do, young man. Skip right out, before we throw you through the elevator, into the cellar and run through the Taylor press."

He went, but his footfall yet lingered on the doormat, when a little girl, with two tawny-colored plaits of hair, a large coin bangle on her wrist and her mouth full of chewing gum, glided through the door.

"Please, sir," she piped in a falsetto voice, "is this where you print poetry?"

"Hum," said we, that depends on what kind it is—let's hear it."

Whereupon the little girl proceeded to read from a roll of manuscript as follows:

"Beautiful Spring, you are so fair, All the girls can love your hair, And take a walk around Market square, And wink at the fellows they meet there."

"Get out of this," we yelled, "out an' Great James river! Do you want a man to die, and a rough hand clutched the tawny plaits and dragged the offender to the stairs.

"Is the iditor in, sir?" said a deep Maltese voice.

"Yes—no—mellie, what do you want?"

"I'll wait till yez make up your mind, and then I'll say."

"Well (dispairingly), he is in—now out with it."

"I've here a schmall poem—pze-haps yez've heard of it. It is 'Beautiful Spring,' and the price is tin tin dollars a verse. Wid yer kind permission I'll rade yez a verse:

"In the spring we grow fat and grubby, In the spring we take things awfully, In fact we're liable to take anything, That's why in around here in Beautiful Spring."

It required the united forces of the sanctum to bounce him, but it was finally accomplished. Funeral on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. Relatives and friends invited. If people will bring these things on their heads, we are not to blame, and we want that understood.

Ashby's Spring Recipe for Pleasant Dreams!

Just think of sleeping every night On feathers filled with dust! If they don't breed diseases now Eventually they must.

Then bring your feathers round to me, Good common sense this seems; I'll steam and cleanse them thoroughly, And then you'll have sweet dreams!

Garden Seeds.—A full stock of Garden Seeds, fresh and pure, for sale by March 13-d&wlm A. A. McRURY.

Geats' New Styles of Button Gaiters, Hosiery Gaiters and Congress Gaiters, with London toe, French toe, New York toe, or box toe; the largest assortment in the city. at BARBER & BAKER.

See the new styles of shoes at Barber & Baker's. feb25-d&wlm

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We Ask for no more than an Examination,

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Kaufman & Bachrach.

A GENTLE HINT.

In our style of climate, with its sudden changes of temperature,—rain, wind and sunshine often intermingled in a single day,—it is no wonder that our children, friends and relatives are so frequently taken from us by neglected colds, half the deaths resulting directly from this cause.

A bottle of Boschee's German Syrup kept about your home for immediate use will prevent serious sickness, a large doctor's bill, and perhaps death, by the use of three or four doses. For curing Consumption, Hemorrhages, Pneumonia, Severe Coughs, Croup or any disease of the Throat or Lungs, its success is simply wonderful, as your druggist will tell you. German Syrup is now sold in every town and village in this continent. Sample bottles for trial, 10¢ regular size, 75¢.

DECATUR BUILDING AND BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.—By order of the Board of Directors a fifth series of the capital stock of said Association will be issued, to date from the first Tuesday of March. Subscriptions received and information furnished at the office of Warren & Durfee.

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F. M. Carver

Wanted: Broughton person to copy the "Magic Self-Lighting Gas Burner," entirely new, and without any patent, and to make a copy of the same. For particulars, address S. C. TALLMADGE, Gen'l. agent, 124 La Salle Street, Chicago, Ill.

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TOWNSHIP ELECTION.

W. W. Brown will be a candidate for re-election to the office of Township Collector. He is authorized to announce HENRY HENRY as a candidate for re-election to the office of Township Collector of this township. Independent Greenback candidate for Township Assessor, R. L. Frazier, is authorized to announce HENRY HENRY as a candidate for re-election to the office of Township Assessor of this township. We are authorized to announce Mr. DAVID GAVIN as a candidate for Assistant Supervisor of this township. We are authorized to announce the name of J. M. Stoukey for Supervisor at the coming town meeting. We are authorized to announce FRED J. SMITH as a candidate for Assessor at the coming township election. We are authorized to announce Major HENRY HENRY as a candidate for Supervisor at the coming April election, subject to the action of the township convention.

CITY DEPARTMENT.

S. McElroy makes the best bread to be found in the city.

DRINKS & RRA have a very large and select stock of cooking stoves, the "Alligator" being the champion stove in the market.

Don't fail to examine the large and select stock of wall paper on sale at Bishop & Stoy's.

Nice fresh butter at Pratt's grocery store on North Church street.

More styles of wall-paper at Abel & Locke's carpet store than elsewhere in all Central Illinois, everything from an emerald green to a brown black.

The park fountain and lawn, with its nice coat of paint, looks as bright and good as new.

HART CARBONAS cheaper than ever before, at J. M. Stoukey & Co's.

March 20th.

The brick walk in front of Armstrong's drug store and Barber & Baker's shoe store, which was left incomplete last fall, is being finished up to day. Mr. David Moffitt is doing the work.

The advantage of gravelled streets over those not gravelled is very apparent now, the former being in good condition, while the latter are still rough, and in many places almost impassable.

The clock was striking two this morning when we were aroused from the sleep of the just by the sweet strains of a string band. The young gentlemen who composed the band will please accept our thanks for the compliment, and consider that they have a standing invitation to "repeat."

Tue sun "crosses the line" today in his northward journey, so according to prevailing beliefs the equinoctial storm may be looked for at any time. As there has been a plentiful fall of rain during the winter most people will be willing to dispense with the annual equinoctial rain.

Almost without exception peach trees are loaded with fruit buds and will be in full bloom in a few days. So fine a prospect for a peach crop has not been witnessed for many years, and should no freeze occur the yield must be immense. Most varieties of other fruits also promise well.

SUPERVISOR DEMPSEY is busy with his force in getting the streets and walks into good condition. The past winter has been a hard one on streets, and will take time to make the rough places smooth, but there is no doubt that the work will be done as fast as the force at the disposal of the supervisor and the funds of the city will admit.

SUPPER.—The ladies of the Zion M. E. Church will give a supper in the store room next west of Chase & Griswold's hardware store, on Thursday evening of this week. Admission to the supper for adults, 25 cents; children 15 cents. All are invited.

THE HYKES SISTERS.—On the occasion of a previous visit to this city this fine troupe won an excellent reputation by the interesting entertainment which they gave at that time. The company is to appear here again on Tuesday, March 23rd. That they will draw a full house there can be no question. Read their advertisement, which appears in another place.

THE SEARCH WARRANT.—The search warrant, of which mention was made in these columns yesterday afternoon, was served last evening by officer Brockway and Sheriff Foster. On arriving at the house of Mr. McCall Mrs. M. assured the officers that though Frazier and Bailey were at the house on the afternoon of their flight, that they did not come in, and that they left nothing there. Indeed Mrs. M. did not see them at all, but heard her daughter say "Uncle Jim, why don't you come in?" and she heard Frazier reply, "I will call this evening, but cannot stop now, for I am in a hurry." Mrs. McCall told the officers that they were welcome to search the house as critically as they pleased. The search made no discovery of any money.

JOHN BLACKBURN, who was arrested yesterday on a charge of complicity with the robbery of Allen Travis, was held to bail in the sum of five hundred dollars. He gave the required bond, and was allowed to go at large, to appear for a preliminary examination this morning. His case was continued, in connection with the case against Bailey and Frazier, until Friday next, at 8 o'clock in the morning.

J. W. Clark, who was also arrested for complicity in the same affair, obtained bail this morning, his bond being fixed at five hundred dollars, and he was discharged from custody, his bond requiring him to appear for examination on Friday

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

Notice to Correspondents: All subjects matter intended for this column should be addressed to L. E. Brown or Miss M. P. Fulton, Decatur, or J. Traister, Blue Mound, Ill.

[Papers read at the Decatur Teachers' Meeting for February.]

LIVING EDUCATIONAL TOPICS.

As the wheel of time continues to turn, at each turn new and old theories are formulated, developed, and expanded in all the realms of research, in politics, religion, science, art, literature, and as a result of this ceaseless round of creation and destruction, discussion runs riot, and brains are cudgelled right and left with iconoclastic zeal and fiery enthusiasm.

Of late the educational world has been the scene of turmoil and strife, of fierce debates, as to certain propositions and plans being right or wrong, feasible or impracticable, just or unjust, in accordance with truth or error, etc.

Among the questions discussed being "The Free High School," "Inefficient Superintendency," "Co and Compulsory Education," "The Bible in Our Public Schools," "Examinations—Their Character," etc., "Should Public Funds be Granted to Sectarian Institutions?" "Development of Schools," "The retention of the Dead Languages in the Curriculum of our High Schools," and last but not least, "Woman as School Officers."

The topic which seems to engage the largest share of attention just now being the first named, "The Free High School." One reason for the attention given it doubtless being found in the fact—it affects the pockets of community more than any one other in the list. The opponents of the "Free High School" are of two classes, two-wits. Those who are blessed with means, but are devoid of public spirit, and see no good in any scheme for the elevation of the "canaille," and those who are the founders and patrons of academies and seminaries of denominational or fashionable character.

Of the former it may be well said, that "their wealth is their misfortune," and their exclusiveness is only vanity; and of the latter, that they mistake bigotry for zeal in a good cause, and snobbery for a just pride in high station.

No true patriot, it seems to me, nor genuine lover of the real, but must favor any plan, which has for its aim the enlightenment and culture of the masses, to any extent possible or consistent with a just distribution of society burdens.

The forcing of the masses to content themselves with a sip at the fountain of knowledge, is a wrong, and not sound discretion, nor good policy, since "the hope of nations is in the intelligence of citizens, and the fruit of ignorance is vice and dishonesty." While of sectarian education in the grades named, it may be said it breedeth narrowness, and is the source of bigotry and intolerance—results which I suppose no one will say are other than deplorable.

The question of Superintendency is not an appropriate one for me to discuss, and is passed with the single observation, that there can be no doubt but that the great body of teachers are decidedly in favor of "efficiency" being made the test of appointment in every position and calling.

The question of Co Education has been made prominent of late by reason of the determined efforts of some of the world's lovers of justice and equal rights, to secure for women a recognition in the great field of individual enterprise and achievement. Of the justice of such a measure who can doubt? Of its practicability some may not be assured; but wherefore?

Is it true there is a decadence of morals? I deny it. I believe that enforced exclusion and isolation from each other's society of the sexes for diffid periods of days, months, or even years, can have only the tendency to breed curious inquiry as to the reason thereof, and a determination to have what is forbidden. But is isolation over a fault? And who is the "Solomon" that has arisen to disclose that certain period during which education is being made a means of moulding character is the period exactly when the sexes should not associate? Believe the moral standard would be elevated, instead of depressed, by co education.

Compulsory Education is opposed by some on the ground that it is opposed to the spirit of free institutions. For one, I would say to such objections, "nay, verily." The spirit of free institutions is a spirit of fostering for the best interests of the people. Ignorance is fruitful of crime and want; and freedom does not mean license to remain in that state of untidiness begotten of illiteracy, which tends to degrade a people, and to render their condition undesirable, by reason of deprivations of the blessings of intelligence. Laws are necessary even in "free countries," and no law which has for its end and aim the uplifting and dignifying of the people, can be opposed to the genius of free institutions.

As to Examinations, I can see no reason to object to them when made use of in the school-room, simply as a means of determination of proper grade for the pupils, or even as a means of stimulation of the pupils to an effort to excel. Examinations certainly are in place. Success should ever be held at a premium, and failure at a discount.

As applied to teachers as a means of determining the question of ability or attainment, they are certainly a necessity. By what other method can judgment that would be satisfactory to all concerned? Trial teaching without pay would hardly meet with universal favor. As a means of torture, (through abuse,) as an excuse for favoritism, as a means to the end of "showing off" by committee men and superintendents, they are a nuisance and injustice, and should be modified and restrained. School officers are sometimes unjust, and forget that diffidence and embarrassment of memory operate against a candidate and allow "cramped" bravado

to all in high places, as well deserved by modest diffidence.

Some questions of efficiency, as well as proficiency, cannot be determined by such methods as "Examinations." "Ability to Govern," "Tact," and many other needful qualifications of the true teacher are not made apparent by them. Let us hope that injustice and favoritism will decrease as true merit rises to appreciation in all future. Inquisitorial pumping of candidates for certificates, and such non-practical questions as, "How many and what are the border towns of New York?" may be eliminated from the list of interrogatories.

The question of the Bible in our Public Schools, is engaging the attention of some of the ablest minds of the nation; and shall a diffident "school nurse" assume to decide where doctors disagree? Doubtless not. But she may perhaps be permitted a few remarks by way of expressing an opinion, which in brief is that in a country where freedom of thought and speech is the boon of the great mass of her citizenship, and where it is true (be that lamentable or otherwise) that there are very many who do not pin their faith to the "Book of Books," and where anything which even hints at a possible union of church and state, is frowned upon by a decided majority, it would be better to seek "harmony by concession," than to "provoke strife by insistence."

As to the appropriation of any portion of the public funds to support sectarian institutions, it seems to me that the glaring injustice of such a proceeding is so apparent, as not to require argument to convince even the most determined of sectarian propagandists, and one source of congratulation will doubtless still remain, when all has been said that can be said upon the subject, "The people who are sovereign will never permit it."

As to the retention of the dead languages in the curriculum of our High Schools, the pros and cons seem numerous and weighty.

If the dead languages are deemed a necessary part of education of those who are able to graduate at the higher seats of learning, their elimination from the list of studies placed within the reach of the poor but ambitious student in the free High School would seem an injustice by reason of the class favoritism involved; and if the Classics are, as is claimed, refugium essential to true culture, should they not be made free to all for study and delight? But on the other hand it may be urged that time which is so valuable to those in the intermediate as well as lower walks of life, will not permit indulgence in other than studies of strict utility, and useful as broad winning, etc., etc. Let those decide who can.

Development schools are so little known, and the experiment of such late institution that little can be said as to their order or practicability.

It would seem, however, that if it were possible to gain a knowledge of the adaptability of particular persons to particular callings—there would be fewer failures through mistaken choice of profession or employment.

"Women as school officers?" Well, why not? Do they not prove themselves able educators, thoroughly competent to teach, conversant with the best plans for the conduct of schools, good financiers, quickly apprehensive of improvement in methods? Then who shall say in the face of repeatedly successful demonstrations of their fitness that they shall not act as such.

"Old fogies" must retreat, before the march of the age in the direction of truth and justice, and soon will cease to even growl at the inevitable, and consequently there is no farther need of discussion of that topic.

So much for topics. A. A. B.

THIRD WARD.

Fifth and Sixth Grades.

Perfect in attendance and deportment: Eva Wade, Willie Hellman, Mary Murray, Nellie Roman, Wilbur Goodman, Olive Boyer, Minnie Plumer, Lydia Witzmann, Jessie Drake, Clara Crea, Mary Powers, Anna Seeforth, Adolph Mueller, Lizzie Travis, Clarence Wait, John Mattres, Henry Melchior and John Wood.

A. M. BURNHAM, Teacher.

FURTHER PARTICULARS OF THE DEATH OF BRACKMAN RICHARDSON.

—Upon learning full particulars of the death of Brackman Richardson, which took place last Monday night before last, it was found that with the exception of the engine and front car, the entire train of about twenty cars passed over his body. It seems the engine and two forward cars had been unhitched from the train with two or three other cars that were to be set off upon a side track. When the cars to be left had been run on to the track where they were to stand, the engine and forward cars backed down to couple with the balance of the train for the purpose of pulling out for Decatur. As the engine and cars came down the man who was to do the coupling saw Richardson on the cars which were attached to the engine, with his lantern, and as he did not see him fall, supposed that he had stepped down between the two cars in question, and had no suspicion of anything being wrong. So he coupled the cars and the train pulled out. The supposition is that the unfortunate man fell between the cars about the time the coupling was made, and that he was so stunned by the fall that he could not raise an alarm, and as the train immediately pulled out, and the entire train of twenty cars must have passed over his body. As stated yesterday, the unfortunate man was not missed, until the train arrived in Decatur, when an engine was at once sent back to Bloody, where the body was found, as stated.

Be sure to examine the "Davis" before purchasing a sewing machine. March 20—dim J. M. STOUKEY & Co., Agents.

The Piano Box Baby Carriage, is the latest style. J. M. Stoukey & Co. sell them. [Mar 20 dim]

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The Frazier-Bailey Case Postponed.

There was a large crowd assembled at the court house this morning, in anticipation of the preliminary examination of Frazier, Bailey, Clark and Blackburn before Justice Wood. However, the interested spectators were doomed to disappointment, as the case was continued until Friday morning, upon application of the defendants, who assert that they do not desire to proceed in the absence of one of their attorneys, Mr. Crea, who is out of town. Their other attorney, Hon. A. H. Bunn, was present. The people were represented by States Attorney Buckingham and D. L. Bunn. Frazier and Bailey were not brought from the jail, but Blackburn and Clark entered their appearance, and were released on bail to appear on Friday.

Additional developments are coming to light daily, showing that Allen Travis was not the only victim of the cloth game that Bailey and his pals have been running.—To-day it was discovered that old Uncle Jimmie Miller, of Harrison township, was enticed into their den some days ago by the promise of a pair of pantaloons, but it does not appear that he lost any money. Others have also been discovered who have either been victimized or had the attempt made upon them. The trial promises to reveal a good deal more devilry than has been generally known to exist, and it will not be wonderful if some other partners in the business are brought to light. Some fellows appear to be trembling with apprehension.

PERSONAL.

Justice Jones, of Macon, is a visitor in Decatur to-day.

Capt. Harvey Mahannah left to-day by the 3:30 afternoon train for Kansas City. He will visit Texas in the course of the summer, and will engage in the cattle business again this year.

Uncle Allen Travis went home this forenoon, after the case in which he is the prosecuting witness was continued.

The Slavin Combination left by the early train this morning for Springfield, where they give an entertainment this evening.

Mr. M. D. Shrader, of Bloomington, an express agent in that city, is in town to-day. He made the Republican office a call.

BOODY PERSONALS.

Mr. William Jokisch, of Beardstown, has been visiting his brother, Henry Jokisch, near Boody.

Fred Baly, of Blue Mound township, who has served his people in the office of commissioner of highways for three years past, is strongly talked of by his neighbors for re-election.

James M. Taylor, clerk of Blue Mound township, was in town to-day, and paid the Republican office a pleasant call.

The infant child of Amos Evans was buried on Sunday.

A young man named Thomas Poe, who left the neighborhood of Boody a year ago for Texas, came back on a visit three weeks ago, and had the misfortune to have his foot crushed in a railroad accident while on the way, from the effects of which he died last week.

BATTED BUT NOT CAUGHT.—It seems that quite a number of men from the country have been invited to examine samples in a certain room on Merchant street within the last week or two, who "smelt a mouse" in time to prevent being "roped in." How many have been duped and swindled it is impossible to say, as they would doubtless be ashamed to own up to their folly, by making known their losses. Those who have been baited, but who did not bite, will be good witnesses in the impending examination of the men who threw out the bait.

A Good Cigar costs the smoker no more than a poor one, now that Hubbard & Swearingen sell "Tansill's Gem Caster" at 2 for 15 cents.

Wanted suitable rooms in pleasant location, unfurnished, with board for gent, wife and child. Address lock box 160. mch 19-33.

YOU MUST CURE THAT COUGH.

With Shiloh's Consumption Cure you can cure yourself. It has established the fact that Consumption can be cured, while for Coughs, Bronchitis, Whooping Cough, Asthma, and all diseases of Throat and Lungs, it is absolutely without an equal. Two doses will relieve your child of Croup; it is pleasant to take and perfectly harmless to the youngest child, and no mother can afford to be without it.—You can use two thirds of a bottle and if what we say is not true we will refund the price paid. Price 10 cts., 50 cts., and \$1.00 per bottle. If your lungs are sore or chest or back lame, use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner, Decatur, Ill. Feb 26-d&w

Have you Dyspepsia, are you constipated, have you a Yellow Skin, Loss of Appetite, Head Ache—if so don't fail to use SHILOH'S SYSTEM VITALIZER. It is guaranteed to relieve you, and will you continue to suffer when you can be cured on such terms as these? Price, 10 cts. and 75 cts. Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner, Decatur, Illinois. [Feb 26-d&w]

AWNINGS.

Having made arrangements with E. C. Cook & Bro., of Chicago, we are prepared to furnish and put up awnings for stores, offices, hotels, private residences, etc., at very low prices. Samples of goods can be seen and prices procured at our address.

Tents and Water-proof Covers can be ordered through us.

R. MUELLER & Co., Decatur, Ill. March 15-dim

Window Shades and Fixtures.—Full assortment at J. S. HAND & Co's, March 6-dim Next door to Postoffice.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining in the Post-office, at Decatur, Macon co., Illinois, March 20, 1897.

Baker Charles
Barnes D G
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Beckhold Mrs Julia
Bowman Mrs Abr
Cline Charles
Collier Mrs Mollie
Coleman Lucy E
Dawson Mrs Mattie
Harrison Miss Mag
Evans Eli
Elliott John
Eaton Miss Jodie
Gray Mrs J A
Hawkey C
Haskell Margaret A
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Harg Michael
Hoswell Elizabeth
Jones Miss Nellie
Jones Lizzie L
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CARPETS.

Our Immense Spring Stock. Just received, comprising all the most elegant styles of Carpets, Wall-Paper and Curtains, produced this season. Being exclusively in this line of business, buying direct from the manufacturers and importers, and our daily correspondence with them, enable us to secure the best designs as soon as they are produced, and to compete with Chicago and St. Louis, or any of the Eastern cities, in style, quality and prices. We will be pleased to see all of our old customers and as many new ones as would like to look at goods in our line.—Come and see us whether you wish to buy or not.

Carpet House, 24 East Main St., Decatur, Illinois.

Planos and Organs for rent at C. B. Prescott's. Feb 26 d&w

A large lot of Hamburg Edgings, just received and very cheap, at Feb 16 7d&w Linn & Scruggs.

Bishop & Stoy have concluded to remain in Decatur and continue business at their old stand, southeast corner Central Park. They will, as heretofore, buy and sell all kinds of second-hand furniture and household goods. A large stock of goods in their line always on hand, and prices at bottom figures.

March 17-dim

Old Planos and Organs taken in exchange for new ones, at Goldstein's Music Store, Water street, Decatur, Ill. Nov 17-

A Few Fine Cloaks still on hand, that will be closed at a great bargain. Jan. 22 -dim Linn & Scruggs.

For Rent.—The undersigned has 40 acres of good farming land to rent; also 40 acres of splendid pasture, with an abundance of water. This land is one mile from the city, and is choice in every respect. Inquire of March 18-dewiw D. A. MAPPIT.

No cough or cold however obstinate can resist the healing qualities of Dr. Marshall's Lung Syrup. It completely cures when all others fail. Only 25 cents a bottle, large size 50 cents. Sold by all druggists. d&w

Just Received another new lot of spring hats, flowers, etc., and all the leading shades in crowd; also a general assortment of embossed and decalcomanie pictures. All goods sold at the lowest prices, at M. FAISON'S, March 18-dimw 18 Merchant St.

Wells' Persian Perfume, "HACKMETAC," is rich and fragrant. Try it.—Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner, Decatur, Ill. Feb. 26-d&w

For Wall-Paper of the best quality, at bottom figures, go to Bishop & Stoy's, southeast of the City Park.

Newest Patterns of Smith's "ENGLISH" Tapestry Ingrains, \$1.00 per yard, at Dec 24 d&w Linn & Scruggs.

When physicians recommend Dr. Marshall's Lung Syrup for Coughs, Colds, etc., of long standing, it certainly must be good. Call at the drugstore and try a bottle of it, the price is only 25 cents. Sold by all druggists. d&w

Backskin Casimires, the best and cheapest goods in the market for men and boys, at Nov. 13 -d&w Linn & Scruggs.

Something About Shoddy Goods.—As all accounts agree that there has been an unusual demand for cheaply made or shoddy goods, it is a very short-sighted policy for people to buy goods that are ticked out for deception and have no wear to them. We advise you to go to Barber & Baker's and get good durable boots and shoes, and you will get the worth of your money. Feb 18-d&w

OPERA HOUSE

ONE NIGHT ONLY. TUESDAY, MARCH 26.

THE EVENT OF THE SEASON.

MESSRS. HATHAWAY & POND, Proprietors of the REDPATH LYCEUM BUREAU

Of Boston, have the pleasure to announce an engagement for another season of the celebrated

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Universally acknowledged by the press and public as the Novelty of the Season.

THIS IS THE ONLY Company of Dramatic Colored Artists in the World. Admission, 50 cents; Reserved Seats, 75 cts. Seats now on sale at Abbott's. [mar 20 dim]

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OUR STOCK OF SEASONABLE GOODS Now Complete! "HARD-PAN" PRICES. They all go! FERRISS'S SHOE STORE! For entire satisfaction in footwear.

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BANKRUPT SALE. T. W. Phillips & Son, bankrupts, of Warrensburg, will receive bids for the sale of the stock of goods belonging to said estate on Tuesday, March 23rd, 1897, between the hours of 8 and 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, at the store-house recently occupied by said bankrupts in Warrensburg. Bids will be upon the basis of a per centage upon the invoice made by me. Invoice and stock list will be upon application at the store as above. Bids may be sent to me at Decatur until the evening of March 23rd, all bids subject to the approval of the United States District Court. T. W. PHILLIPS, Receiver and Assignee. March 16-1897

PRATT'S STORE No. 37 North Church Street. CALL AND LEARN OUR PRICES. We mean business, and we are ready for business at all times. Our stock is large, it is carefully selected, it is bought for cash, and the price at which we sell our Goods are the lowest at which a fair and honest business can be conducted. [mar 12 d&w]

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